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REVIVIFYING RUMANIA

No announcement since Rumania entered the war eight weeks ago proves more interesting than the Associated Press dispatch from Bucharest Saturday saying that King Ferdinand would take supreme command of the Rumanian and Russian forces in that country and that a mission of French officers, including a famous strategist, would soon arrive in Rumania. No importance is attached to the announcement that strong Russian reinforcements are to appear on the scene, because this was expected.

When Rumania entered the war territorial rather than military considerations governed the action of the general staff. A large force was sent across the Transylvania Alps, promptly taking the passes and moving forward against the Austro-Germans. The idea was to cause a lengthening of the Teutonic lines and to connect with the Russian army operating in the Carpathians. Only a relatively small force was left on the Bulgarian frontier.

Germany and Bulgaria, however, struck with unexpected rapidity and vigor and the Rumanians were driven in. The important railroad line from Varna to Constantza was threatened, but the Russo-Rumanian pressure stiffened and the central powers, though battling furiously, were unable to cut the line of supply from the Black sea. In the meantime Austria had yielded ground in Transylvania and the Rumanian army had advanced. Again the Austrians struck with unexpected vigor, thereby causing a withdrawal.

The fact that few prisoners were taken by either side shows that the Rumanians have held together in their retreat. The advantage of the central powers in this theatre is only temporary, because the arrival of reinforcements would enable the Rumanians to invade that section again. On the Bulgarian front Bucharest never was seriously threatened and cannot be until the Danube is passed by the enemy forces. The Dobruja country is level and hard to defend. The river, which is deep and wide, is a great natural barrier, and there is only one bridge over which an army can cross, and that is heavily guarded.

What Rumania will do now that it has a new commander and the best talent the French staff can afford remains to be seen. It can be said in all safety, however, that the plans outlined will dovetail with the military plans off he allies; territorial considerations will come later. Since the Balkan theatre affords the best possible chance for a decision before spring, it is quite likely that the Rumanians will attempt to hold their lines against Austria with a small force and send the larger army through Bulgaria, hoping thereby to connect with the entente forces operating from Saloniki and the Adriatic.

Such a campaign would give more promise of decisive results, and persons who are following the military campaigns in the various theatres will watch Rumania with keen interest.

THE FAIR NEXT WEEK

Interest in fairs from time immemorial always has been great. Our ancestors used to gather at certain periods of the year at the market places and trade their pigs and chickens for articles they needed. By degrees the idea of the county and state fairs, as we know them, was evolved, until today the fair is a place where the best is exhibited in competition. The social feature, which was always the greatest asset of a fair, has not been allowed to lag, while the nature of fairs has changed. A fair is not primarily a place to trade, though its advantages in this respect are worth many hundreds of dollars to farmers who have livestock and poultry to sell.

We are hopeful that the Catawba County Fair, which promises to be the best in the history of the association, will draw thousands of people here to examine the exhibits, to witness the attractions and to shake hands with one another, rub elbows and carry home ideas that would have remained the property of an individual rather than the community without

a common meeting ground. It is impossible to overestimate the importance of the social and economic features of any fair.

Catawba will have all these and then some. Everything for the comfort and convenience and for the satisfaction of guests will be provided at the fair grounds. A rest room for women is an adjunct. Good display rooms, clean amusement features, the best agricultural and livestock displays of Catawba and adjoining counties will be in competition. Interest will be keen.

We hope the entire community appreciates the importance of the fair. If it should do no more than to bring the people together, it would be worth while. But it will do far more than that.

The fact that Russia and Japan have protested against concessions made by the Chinese government to American railroad builders indicates that there is nothing sure to last. A few years ago both nations hated each other heartily, and now they are as thick as hops. The American government will have another job on its hands, it seems.

We haven't heard anybody say that the colonists were wicked for defending their rights and winning their independence, and yet the taxes that Britain levied were spent on developing the colonies—and much more.

Damascus steel was thoroughly tested before it was accepted. We have known communities where school boys pitted their wits against the wits of the authorities, but never with success where the heads were firm and sensible.

It seems to be a fact that the good women are desired at political speaking, and yet we daresay the men who invite them could give very strong personal reason why the women should not vote.

Raleigh cotton sold for 17 1-16 one day last week, the highest in 40 years, and on the same day Alex Shuford paid 171 1-4 here. Which is another proof that Hickory is the best place to sell.

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We don't know whether Archibald Johnson is a doctor or not, but the University News Letter invariably puts that handle on him. And he is worthy of it too.

Ferguson Bros. Stock Company to night at the Hub theatre, "Under Arizona Skies."

CONSTANTINE WILLING

TO JOIN ENTENTE
Athens, Tuesday, Oct. 10, via London.—(Delayed)—King Constantine motored in from Tatoi, his summer residence, this evening and called and presided at a meeting of the crown council, to which he presented the report of Prince Andrew, his brother, who has just returned from a visit to the entente capitals. The king discussed the form which Greece's neutrality should take and declared his conviction that Greece's future depended upon her joining the entente. He expressed a readiness to do so, not demanding more than a guarantee of the integrity of Greece and such material assistance in equipping the army as would be essential to render Greece's participation in the war of real value to the allies.

Discussing a telegram from M. Romanos, the Greek minister to France on September 30 reporting a conversation with Premier Briand, the sovereign pointed out that the three compensations which the French premier offered informally did not include a guarantee of integrity, and he expressed the opinion that Greece's entry into hostilities was impossible without an official pledge to this effect from the governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia.

The king stated further that he was not disposed at this time to insist even upon discussing Greece's territorial aspirations to which Premier Briand referred, but he felt that a war cabinet to inspire the confidence of a great majority of the country, without which any full mobilization would be impossible.

The cabinet members present at the council fully approved King Constantine's course.

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Dr. G. E. Flowers, who treated 16 very sick people near the Ivey mill last week, says it appears that morning milk sold in the evening caused the trouble, if milk was the cause. All the patients were very sick, but responded readily to treatment, the physician says, except the child of Robert Holler, which was better next day.

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CHANGES IN PREMIUMS FOR CATAWBA FAIR

The following corrections and changes are hereby made in our premium list:

In the Cattle Department in describing Young Herd instead of Breeders Herd.

Get of Sire consists of four animals, either sex.

Produce of cow consists of two animals, either sex.
In same department Championship Bull, any age, any breed and Championship Cow or heifer, any age any breed, first prize \$6.00; second, \$4.00; third, \$2.00, should appear in the Daily Breeds as well as in Beef breeds.

Instead of Young Heifer under No. 101 this should be Young Herd. In the Swine Department should appear best sow and litter, any age any breed, first \$4.00; second \$3.00; third, \$2.00.

CATAWBA FAIR ASSOCIATION.

MRS. M. S. CLARK, Sec.

VASON FOUND GUILTY

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 16.—G. K. Vason, doorman of the Georgia house of representatives who was convicted of stabbing Thomas B. Felder, an Atlanta lawyer, was given the maximum sentence by Judge Ben Hill in superior court. He was sentenced to serve one year on the chain gang, six months in jail and fined \$1,000.

Vason was tried on a charge of assault with intent to murder, a felony, but the jury brought in a verdict that Vason was guilty of stabbing, a misdemeanor. Judge Hill in passing sentence stated that the jury had shown leniency to the fullest extent and that it did not remain for the judge to give a light sentence.

Felder was stabbed during a fight with Vason in a local hotel August 3 and was badly wounded.

Jitney Service.

HICKORY CONOVER AND NEWTON N. Schedule

Leave Hickory	8:20 a. m.
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Leave Hickory	4:30 p. m.
Leave Hickory	8:30 p. m.
Leave Newton	7:20 a. m.
Leave Newton	9:20 a. m.
Leave Newton	1:30 p. m.
Leave Newton	3:30 p. m.
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